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## EDITORIAL.

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### THE RECENT MEETING OF THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Meeting of the Canadian Medical which was held during the first week in June was a very successful affair. The attendance was large and the social functions well arranged.

The scientific side of the meeting was good. The papers and discussions at the general sessions and the sectional meetings would have done credit to any country. A number of gentlemen of reputation from the United States and one from Great Britain, added much to the value of the proceedings.

We are inclined to think, however, that the tendency is to run too much into sections. It may be a difficult matter to dispose of all the papers in any other way; but would it not be better to have fewer papers, and arrange that almost all could hear them?

We think that the specialists would enjoy hearing the papers in other departments than their own. In the case of the general practitioner it must be admitted that an effort should be made to enable him to take in nearly all the papers and discussions. In this way the meeting would be a sort of brief period of study or post-graduate course. We feel that this phase of the meeting should receive some attention in future meetings.

There is a feature of these annual meetings that must be resisted. There is a very evident tendency for the same group of persons to hold together and in this way hold all the offices and have themselves appointed on all the committees. This tendency is an ever present evil in almost all such organizations. No one for a moment finds fault with those who have done good work for the association, but that all should receive a chance. The old time custom of do-it-for-me-this-time and I-will-do-it-for-you-next-time should not exist.

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### THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND A JOURNAL.

The subject of an official Journal for the Canadian Medical Association has been up for discussion for several years. We have